Improvement to the road from Angamali to Elavoor.

50. MR. P. O. THOMAS: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they improve the road (in P. W. D. Division, Alwaye) from the Angamali to Elavoor *via* Mathirapuram ferry;

(*b*) whether the Government proposed at any time to construct a bridge over Mathirapuram ferry; and

(*c*) if so, why the proposal was not carried out?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) As the bridge work was decided to be taken up only after the improvements to the village road from Angamali to Parur and 3rd mile Alwaye Angamali road to Elavoor were completed.

Kayamcolam bridge.

51. MR. P. K. KUNJU (*Ambalapuzha cum Shertalai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the fact that the bridge in the eastern bazaar, Kayamcolam, is unserviceable for traffic; and

(*b*) if so, how long has this bridge remained in this condition?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) The bridge is unsafe for vehicular traffic but serviceable for pedestrian traffic.

(*b*) For about six years.

Vandi Petta in the Kozhencherry public market.

52. MR. V. I. IDICULA (*Pathanamthitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that the 'Vandi Petta' (the place where the carts are kept) in the Kozhencherry public market is not extensive enough and hence on the market day a large number of carts are unloaded and kept on the road leading to the Kozhencherry Hospital?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: No.

Agricultural Income Tax.

53 [548.] MR. K. G. KESAVAN NAIR (*Changanacherry cum Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of persons assessed to agricultural income tax in the Changanacherry taluk up to 1-10-1120?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: 42.

Agricultural Income.

54. MR. P. M. VARGHESE (*Meenachil cum Thodupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that most of the agriculturists in the State as a rule do not keep accounts of their income and expenses;

(*b*) if so, what are the standards used for finding out the income in such cases; and

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the calculation is based on the extent of land possessed by each owner of land?

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MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: (*a*) There are some agriculturists who do not maintain regular accounts.

(*b*) In the absence of proper accounts the agricultural income is estimated by taking into consideration the nature and extent of the land, the crops cultivated and the average yield in the locality.

(*c*) No.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Sir, with the permission of the House, I may be allowed to make a statement with regard to the difficulties of students who have come from different parts of Travancore to this city.

PRESIDENT: You did not give me previous notice. The honourable member will realise that before a short notice question is put or an adjournment motion moved, it would be convenient if previous notice had been given to the Government so that the answers to such questions, or the necessary materials to answer them, may be gathered. The fact that an honourable member puts a question does not take us anywhere. Supposing, we are not in possession of materials to answer the question, what happens? The result will be that it will be said that Government are unwilling to give the answer. If the honourable member had only walked into my room and given some notice I should have got ready the necessary answer

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: There was no rule under which I could give such notice and that was why.....

PRESIDENT: Honourable members are always entitled to demand an interview with the President or the Dewan as the case may be. If the honourable member had evinced that intention I should have been only too glad.

Well, the honourable member may proceed with what he has to say.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Now, so many students come from different parts of Travancore as the Director of Public Instruction has stated, for attending the schools. With regard to College students also, there has been a great rush and so many students are here without a lodging to live in.

The difficulties are immense especially with regard to lady students. They have been reported to be loitering about the verandahs of hotels, hostels and so on. This is a matter.....

PRESIDENT: This is just the kind of question that I was pointing out. If such allegations are made on the floor of this House and are got published, it is not going to take us anywhers, because, first of all. I do not know whether such students are loitering in the verandahs and so forth. (*Laughter*). If it is so, then it would be a scandal of the first magnitude, and the matter should be brought to the notice of the Government. But what I say is that such matters ought to be brought to the notice of the Government sufficiently early, so that an immediate enquiry may be made to find out whether the allegations are true or unfounded. I want honourable members to realise this. If

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the honourable member had written to me a letter on this matter last night, by this morning I would have got the necessary materials and made my statement on the floor of this House. The honourable members need not think that either the Dewan or the President is inaccessible. If the honourable member will write a letter to the Dewan, the Dewan will consider it. If the honourable member will write a letter to the President, the President will consider it. If the honourable member will walk into my room at lunch time, the Dewan or the President as the case may be will consider it. (*Laughter.*)

Order, order. There is one more matter which I think it necessary to make public—namely, my regret at having used certain expressions which I think were out of proportion to the occasion yesterday, in the course of my reply to Mr. Joseph. Mr. Joseph has not complained about it but I have thought over the matter and I take this opportunity to express my regret publicly.

I am glad to be able to assure this House that in response to our urgent reminders to the Government of India, we shall be getting quite a good consignment of textiles shortly. Formerly, we were getting textiles only from Bombay. Later on, they came also from Ahmedabad. Now the Government of India have decided that we should get the textiles from Sholapur also. The total quantity is likely to be 1,200 bales per month. Considering that during January, February and March we got on an average only 400 bales per month as against the 8,000 retail licences, this great increase for which we are indebted to the Government of India will undoubtedly relieve distress to a large extent. This is a matter which I thought I should mention to the House in view to the statements that were made in the House and the general complaint that was voiced regarding the textile situation in the country.

The other matter which I would like to mention is this. In pursuance of the debate on the adjournment motion on the yarn and textile situation, honourable members may remember that although the adjournment motion was talked out, I stated that I would proceed on the basis that the purpose of the adjournment motion had been adequately served and that the motion was really carried. On that basis and in view to the generally expressed opinion of the House, Government have now come to the conclusion that there should be a Central Advisory Board for the purpose of helping the Textile and Yarn Commissioner in his duties. On that Central Advisory Board there will be three representatives of this House and two from the other Chamber. I would request honourable members to elect members this evening to serve on the Advisory Board.

Before the discussion commences, I wanted to mention—in view to certain statements made by Mr. Joseph which evoked, to my mind, an unfortunately too heated a reply from me—that figures have been collected as to the number of Christian officers drawing Rs. 270 and above, i.e. the 'Pandarom Rule' (Laughter), to quote from Mr. Joseph's speech.

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MR. CHAZHIKATTU JOSPH (*Meenachil* cum *Thodupuzha*): സർ, പടനാരവഗൈ.

PRESIDENT: Very well: Pandaravagai. (*Laughter*).

I thought Pandaravagai was a land revenue expression and that therefore Pandarom would be the more appropriate, but the maker of the speech knows the nuances of the speech. (*Laughter.*)

In the ranks of Gazetted officers drawing Rs. 100 and above Christians hold the following—

Department.	*Percentage.*
Registration	46·4
University	31·0
Police	25·7
Medical	43·2
P. W. D.	34·4
Anchal	33·3
Education	38·5
Transport	33·3

A long list has also been made of the people in the various offices Account office, Secretariat, Public Service Commission, Division Peishkar, Assistant Peishkar, Income Tax Commissioner, High Court, Police, University, Education, Medical, Public Works, Electrical, P.H.E. Scheme, Director of Transport, District Registrar, Labour Commissioner and so on and so forth. All these will be placed on the table of the House. It will be seen on a review that generally speaking, taking the services as a whole, the Christians or rather certain categories of Christians are definitely over-represented. That is the conclusion which is inescapable from the figures which will be placed on the table of the House.

There is also one important matter which I might mention. Honourable members referred to the front Bench and stated that there were no Christians on it. Apart from the present occupants of the front Bench—honourable members will realise that there have been occasions when practically all the Heads of Departments were Nairs at one time, Brahmins at another time and Christians at yet another time. Take, for instance, the Medical Department. The head of the Department is Mr. John. The head of the General Hospital is Mr. Thaliath. The head of the Women and Children's Hospital is Miss Samuel, and therefore all the higher appointments in the Medical Department are held by Christians. Take again the High Court. At the present moment there is Dr. Nokes, a Christian; Justice K. C. Abraham and Justice Sathyanesan. There is one Nair and there are two Brahmins. There was a time when there was a greater number of Nairs. There was a time when there was a greater number of Brahmins. To select one particular time and to say that at that time there is no particular community represented is not accurate, but in order that there may be no speculation on the matter, these figures with the names will be placed on the table of the House so that during Budget time any criticism that is evoked by these figures, say in remarks that might arise as

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a result of these figures, might be made at leisure. But we are now mainly on the question of Public Service Recruitment Rules.

MR. CHAZHIKATTU JOSEPH: സർ, നിർഭാഗ്യവശാൽ അദ്ധ്യക്ഷ സ്ഥാനത്തെയ്ക്ക കോപം വരുത്തുകയുണ്ടായി ഞാൻ പറഞ്ഞ പദത്തിൽ നിർവ്യാജം ഖേദിക്കുന്നു. എന്നാൽ അതിനടുത്ത വാചകം കൂടി അങ്ങു സശ്രദ്ധം കേട്ടിരുന്നുവെങ്കിൽ അങ്ങേയ്ക്ക് കോപം ഉണ്ടാകുകയില്ലായിരുന്നു.

PRESIDENT: Order, order. After yesterday's speech I revolved over the whole matter myself and came to the conclusion that I acted with a lack of sense of proportion. I thought it as a duty incumbent upon me to express my regret in public because I have to treat the members of this honourable House as my colleagues and they are entitled to a deferential treatment to the extent to which such deference is called for.

I have forgotten the discussion of yesterday and I trust that Mr. Joseph will do so, unless he wants to take it up again in which case it will give rise to further remarks from me. (*Laughter*).

MR. CHAZHIKATTU JOSEPH: സർ, ക്രിസ്ത്യാനികൾ ഇവിടെ ഇല്ലെന്നല്ല ഞാൻ പറഞ്ഞത്. ഇവിടെ ഒരു എന്നൊരുവർ വന്നു. ഇതരും വന്നതുകൊണ്ട് ചുവടിൽ കിടക്കുന്ന ക്രിസ്ത്യാനികൾ മുകളിൽ വരുന്നതിനു കാലം കുറെ വേണ്ടിവരും. ഇതു മുൻപറയാതെ രണ്ടാമതു പറഞ്ഞതിൽ എനിക്കും മനസ്താപമുണ്ട്.

PRESIDENT: I have to report to this honourable House that I have conveyed to His Highness the Maharaja the motion of felicitations passed by the Sri Mulam Assembly and I am commanded by His Highness to convey to the Assembly His Highness' sincere thanks on behalf of himself and the members of the Royal Family.

The debate will now proceed.

NEW MEMBER.

Mr. S. N. Ure, Public Service Commissioner, took the oath and signed the Rolls.

MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR (*Nominated*): Sir, before I begin to comment on the resolution under discussion, I feel it my duty to congratulate the Government on raising the age of entry into Public Service to twenty-eight. I really consider it a boon to the backward communities. I feel glad that the Government are very earnestly endeavouring to give the backward communities their due share in the Public Service of Travancore. At various stages, Government invite the opinion of this House and that of the sister House as to what Government should do in the matter. It is after ascertaining the opinions of the Legislature that the Government have made a change, so I feel that the Government are very anxious and eager to help the backward communities and in fact all the communities to have their due share in the Public Service.

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